

GRAHAM CONCERT

Grand, Artistic Success at Hawaiian Opera House.

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Miss Axtell Wins More Laurels. Each Number on Program Encored Repeatedly.

Notwithstanding the counter attraction at the Art League rooms and the promised complimentary concert to Miss Richards on Saturday night, the Hawaiian Opera House was well filled last night by a fashionable audience, the occasion being a concert given under the auspices of Donald de V. Graham.

A treat was promised, but the effect of the singing was the realization of a dream. The program was made up of selections adapted to the voices of the respective singers, and each number was capably rendered. Miss Axtell, the contralto singer of Central Union Church, was in excellent voice, and her rendition of Gounod's "Ave Maria" won for her the hearts of the audience and a merited encore. But Miss Axtell was best heard later in the concert, when she sang parts of three ballads. "The Maiden and the Butterfly" was especially pleasing.

Mrs. Breischok - Marquardt, who is perhaps the greatest harp soloist in the world, was on the program for two numbers, but the audience insisted upon four, and the people were loath to give her up then. Her playing is quite beyond criticism; her execution is perfect, and the feeling which she put in the selections was at all times evident. For one encore she played a prelude which captivated her audience. When H. M. Gillig stepped on the stage he received an ovation from his many friends in the audience. This was Mr. Gillig's first appearance in public, and his debut was a tremendous success. He betrayed the least bit of nervousness in his first song, but the cordial reception accorded him and the generous applause which followed his first number encouraged him. He has a rich baritone voice with excellent volume. Besides he has an elegant stage presence which wins for him the support of his hearers. He was obliged to respond to encores after each of his songs, and even then the audience wanted more. His second number, "You," was a simple story set to a pretty melody and Mr. Gillig did it amply justice.

The beneficiary, Donald de V. Graham, is not unknown to Honoluluites for he has been prominent in San Francisco musical circles for years. He has a sweet tenor voice, which he masters and imparts to his singing much sympathetic feeling. The first number on the program, "Trumpeter von Sankingen," a German song, gave to the audience an idea of Mr. Graham's capabilities, not only as a vocalist, but as a singer. His second number, "Reverie," was in French, and was sung with the same feeling and freedom from harshness of pronunciation. Evidently Mr. Graham has a thorough knowledge of the various languages in which his songs are written, else those in French or German would be characterized by that laborious effort so noticeable in Americans who try to master either language.

In the rendition of the songs, Mr. Graham sang, he left nothing to be wished; as a finished artist he provided his audience with an entertainment that created a desire for more and the program was much too short in consequence. "Noel," as sung by Mr. Graham, tells a prettier story than the people have been accustomed to and even after he had gracefully responded to an encore, the audience wanted another verse or another song.

As a whole the concert was an artistic success and it seemed to be the wish of many of those present that another one might be given before this party of genial spirits leave the island. Next week there will be nothing to commend and as each of those appeared last night have extensive repertories there should be no difficulty in providing another program quite as good as the one presented last night.

HAGY INSTITUTE.

Arrangements Completed Yesterday—Honolulu Stockholders.

The proposed incorporation of the Hagy Institute has taken definite shape, as follows: It will be incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000, one-fourth of the capital stock to be subscribed for and held by local people, and the other three-fourths to be owned by the present owners and managers of the Hagy Institute. All of the stock is non-transferable and non-assessable.

The enterprise in the future, as in the past, will be run entirely as a business venture, and monthly statements of the earnings will be made and dividends declared accordingly.

The one-fourth of the stock owned by local individuals will be held in small blocks.

A representative board of directors has already been secured, among whom may be mentioned Alexander Young, W. R. Castle, J. Alfred McGowan, J. E. F. Lowrey.

Among the stockholders are W. B. Godfrey, John Phillips, P. C. Jones,

Robert Lewers, Charles Desky, J. B. Altherton, J. T. Wayson and others. It is safe to say that with the above-named gentlemen as directors and stockholders that the work of the Hagy Institute, so well begun in Honolulu, will continue.

The proposal of a number of subscribers to the stock is not to make money out of the enterprise, but to insure permanency to what is now considered a highly deserving and meritorious institution.

COOLING HOUSES IN SUMMER.

System to Make Dwellings Comfortable in Hot Weather.

TOLEDO, Jan. 14.—Homer T. Yaryan, of this city, has perfected a system of refrigerating for residences, which will be put in operation next summer, and which will be the first plant of its kind ever built.

Mr. Yaryan is the President of a company which furnishes electric light and hot water heating to a number of residences here by means of central stations. He will furnish an artificial cold, to take the place of ice, by means of a circulating brine, which has been reduced far below the freezing point. The brine will be conducted by copper pipes through a triple conductor box of wood, which is also an invention of Mr. Yaryan, and is claimed to be an improvement over any system of insulation which depends upon asbestos or like substance.

Mr. Yaryan states that his experiments have convinced him that he can cause the brine to circulate to points more than a mile distant from the central station without a raise in temperature of more than five degrees. When the brine reaches the householder it will be made to circulate through exposed pipes in refrigerators, or can be used for cooling rooms by the use of overhead pipes.

TRACK FOR BIKES

Action of Wheelmen Regarding Kewalo.

The Proposition Was Accepted and Work Will Be Pushed.

A meeting of the wheelmen interested in the project of building a bicycle track at Kewalo was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night. Over 30 were present, among the number being L. A. Thurston, C. S. Desky and W. C. Weedon.

As chairman of the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Desky on the proposition made some time ago, W. W. Harris called the meeting to order, and, after stating the object of coming together, read the proposition spoken of above, as follows:

HONOLULU, Jan. 7, 1897.
W. W. Harris, Esq., Chairman of the Committee of Bicyclists, Honolulu:

Dear Sir:—Referring to the verbal proposition we made you at a meeting held at the Hawaiian Hotel some weeks since, which proposition was then received with much favorable consideration by yourself and friends, we now desire to make that proposition more explicit for the purpose of arriving at a definite understanding.

At the meeting above referred to, we offered to transfer the tract of land lying within the irregular square shown by our official map of the Kewalo tract, as plotted by M. D. Monsarrat, Esq., by fee simple, for the sum of \$2,500; but according to the survey, made by courtesy of Mr. W. E. Wall, for the bicyclists, for a one-third mile track, the adjoining block of lots are badly cut into and many lots spoiled, necessitating the replating of that part and the laying out of a new street. We are, therefore, constrained to add to our former proposition the value of the actual additional land required, cutting into 13 lots, being the equivalent of about seven lots, which we offer to you at the selling price of \$200 per lot, less the usual 5 per cent discount. It is distinctly understood we retain the right to excavate the lake as laid out, remove the soil and use the same on adjoining lots and what may become the bicycle track to the same level.

We will add that negotiations are completed for a new street 40 feet wide, to start from near the junction of King and South streets and run to our tract.

We trust that this proposition will receive your early consideration and meet with a ready response, as we wish your decision at an early date. It is understood our proposition, as above stated, will be held open for you until the end of the present month.

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Mr. Desky stated that since the writing of the letter, just read by Mr. Harris, he had secured Hustace avenue, by fee simple title, so that in case the proposition should be accepted and the track become a reality, then access from South street would be a matter of a very few minutes' walk.

W. W. Harris suggested that a chairman be elected since he was only the chairman of the committee. Acting upon this, L. A. Thurston was nominated and unanimously elected to the place. Emil Berger was chosen secretary.

W. W. Harris stated that the committee had examined carefully into the matter of the Kewalo track and had found that the grand stand, outbuildings and fence would cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The board fence was one of the main items of expense.

It was stated that the work of surfacing and grading the track would cost about \$1,000. To this Mr. Desky replied that he would do the work for \$500 to help the boys out. At this there was general applause.

Some information regarding the nature of the soil now on the place at

Kewalo to be turned into a track was desired, and the fact was brought out that the material is of the very best kind for the purpose, being very hard and springy.

George Angus moved that the offer of Mr. Desky be accepted by the meeting, and that an attempt to raise the requisite money be made at once. Unanimously carried.

Tom King moved that a committee be appointed to draw up a prospectus and attend to such matters as must needs come up in connection with the carrying on of the work. This was amended by W. W. Harris to the effect that the committee be of five. Unanimously carried.

It was decided that the committee be appointed outside the meeting from the ranks of men known for their sagacity in carrying out such schemes as the one proposed.

L. A. Thurston then suggested a few points which might be followed by the committee in their work. He said in conclusion that he did not believe the matter of raising the requisite amount of money would be a difficult one, and that every one in Honolulu interested in bicycling should come forth and take at least one share of stock in the track association. Seeing that there were some 1,500 bicycles in use in the town it did not look as if, under such circumstances the money would be hard to get. A track within five minutes' walk from the center of the city would be of great advantage. People could get there without much trouble, whereas now they have to go all the way out to Kapiolani Park.

In answer to questions regarding the payment of money for the land, Mr. Desky said that it was not necessary that the boys pay down any at once. They could pay down one-third, and he would give them all the time they wanted to pay the remainder, of this to be under mortgage and at 7 per cent interest.

After general remarks by several present, the meeting adjourned.

Emperor William's Birthday.

At the German Consulate yesterday the anniversary of the 38th birthday of Emperor William was celebrated by a reception to a large number of people between the hours of 12 and 1. The Hawaiian Band, stationed near the street, played various German airs to call to mind more clearly the nature of the day that was being celebrated. In the private office on the left-hand side of the entrance was spread a sumptuous luncheon, and here the health of the German Emperor was drunk many times. Consul J. F. Hackfeld received the guests at the door.

Kindergarten Work.

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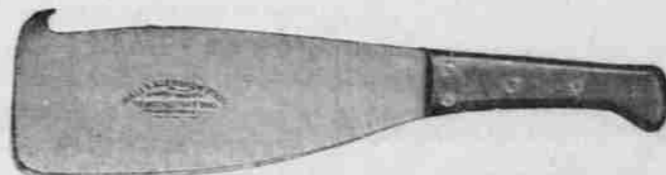
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